

CHARING & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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CDLHS update: MAY 2019 issue 5



Yippee!

Membership News

This is the second year CDLHS has topped 100 members. In fact, it's a record 110 members! With 16 new members this year.

Committee News



We are very pleased to welcome Celia Jennings and Tina Winterbottom to the committee. Celia was co-opted in February and Tina in May.

Celia will become our new meetings secretary together with Hilary White, while Tina will become our membership secretary.

Keith has been working on preparations for updating the 'Charing Trail' to incorporate new information about the Sundial Garden and the cemetery.

Sheila has arranged most of the programme of next season's programme of talks.

Kerstin (Muller) and Kevin Moon recently led a successful Walkabout as part of the 'Kent Big Weekend'.



Lives of the First World War

We are very pleased that 'our Kate' has been jointly awarded the Charing Community Award for her extensive research work on

Charing in the First World War.

Kate was one of the team researching and preparing for the CDLHS exhibition in 2014. With Sheila, for the last four years, Kate has written the monthly diary of World War 1 in the parish magazine. She researched the life of Fred Coppins, our Charing V.C., and then she researched service personnel and Red Cross workers, who were born in Charing. Finally she painstakingly entered that information onto the Imperial war Museum website, 'Lives of the First World War' as a permanent digital memorial to them.

Kirsten Moon, who was also nominated, needs a special mention as she introduced the IWM project to the committee, managed the project, and was responsible for researching and entering the 300 plus names.

Both gave a huge amount of time and dedication to the project.



Digitisation Update

2,104 photos have now been digitised and transcriptions are catching up, as 1688 have been transcribed. This is a huge amount of progress since the project began just over a year ago.

Standing Down

At the AGM, Peter and Valerie will be standing down from the committee, but both will continue to be involved with the society.

A Saunter Through Kent - Charing: 1900 & 2019



CDLHS have been supporting Malcolm Horton in the production of his new booklet about Charing.

This charming 16 page, limited edition publication, reproduces Sir Charles Igglesden's view of Charing in 1900, followed by a very positive overview of our village in 2019.

Malcolm is donating all profits to CDLHS - which is extremely kind, and very generous of him.

The booklet, priced at £5, will be on sale at our AGM on Thursday 16 May, but can also be ordered via chairman@charinghistory.co.uk

Things to look forward to

Our next meeting is the AGM, on Thursday 16th



Please join us for a glass of wine, or soft drink, and light refreshments. We will also show a short PowerPoint display showing the history behind the names of 3 Charing road names.



**Cadman
22nd May**
Thames Barge Trip

We're fully booked and all set to have a great day!

**Mini-outing to
Smarden
June 5th**



Looking forward to finding out more about this picturesque village.

June 22nd Charing Fete

Please come and say 'hello', when you visit our stall at the fete this year. Our theme this year is 'The history behind Charing road and place names'.



Next season's talks start September 12th

'The Red Arrows'

by

Guy Bartlett

Looking back

Our recent outing to Romney Marsh Churches, with Ulcombe History Society, went extremely well. We had 9 from Charing and everything was really good. Choice of churches, speaker, teas/coffee, ploughman's lunch, the cakes and scones and even the weather was kind. All enjoyed.



January

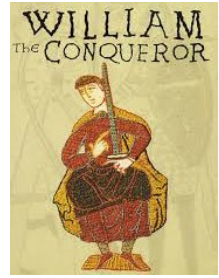


Spitfire Girl

While she never wore a helmet, as she didn't want to upset her

blonde curls, Mary Ellis flew about 1,000 planes: 76 different types. Pilots were simply given a booklet of notes on how to fly various aircraft and, in the first instance, was the only training they received!

February



William the Conqueror Justified Invader?

We learned that Edward the Confessor had appointed William as his successor, and Harold, himself, had promised the English crown to William.

Also that the scene of Harold's death in the Bayeux tapestry, may not show an arrow piercing his eye, but may instead just be the mark of a previous repair.

March



Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway

Danny Martin gave an

interesting and entertaining talk. His enthusiasm was infectious. He described how building the railway was the result of a two millionaires' dream. It was not originally planned to go to Dungeness, so not part of its name. Now a successful tourist attraction, where catering and the sales from souvenirs, provide almost half the income.

April



And so to Ted

A History of
Teddies.



We were pleased that many members brought their teddies along to enjoy the talk. It looked like a 'bear creche' was there too.

Over to our members



We're currently compiling information on road and place names in Charing. If you have memories, information, photos, or queries, we'd love to hear from you



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